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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Weston et al.
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For: : **MALE-STERILE BRASSICA PLANTS AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING SAME**
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the August 22, 2002 Office Action, which set a three month period for response, i.e., up to and including November 22, 2002.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of the subject matter, and with out any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

2002-11-19
E. 723
D (Twice Amended) A method for identifying elite event MS-B2 in a transgenic *Brassica* plant, or cell or tissue thereof, or transgenic *Brassica* plant material, which method comprises detection of a MS-B2 specific region with a specific primer or probe which